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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 30194

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, CCD
SUBJ: COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD): FRENCH-SOVIET
BILATERAL

REF: PARIS 28924 NOTAL

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING SEPTEMBER 6 BILATERAL WITH
FRENCH, ISRAELYAN FEIGNED IGNORANCE OF EMERGING CON-
SENSUS RE SELECTION OF CD MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 12, FOREIGN MINISTRY PACTS AND DIS-
ARMAMENT CHIEF, DE LA FERRIERE, DEBRIEFED EMBOFF RE
SEPTEMBER 6 FRENCH-SOVIET BILATERAL ON CD. DE LA
FERRIERE SAID THAT AT THE OUTSET FRENCH REITERATED
THEIR POSITION THAT THERE CAN BE NO QUADRIpartite
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DETERMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS. RATHER, GOF BELIEVES
THAT SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
VIEWS OF REGIONAL GROUPS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF CCD.
THE GREAT POWERS CANNOT DICTATE WHO THE NEW MEMBERS WILL
BE. NEVERTHELESS, FRANCE UNDERSTOOD THAT A CERTAIN
CONSENSUS WAS EMERGING AROUND SEVERAL CANDIDATES.

3. DE LA FERRIERE CONTINUED THAT ISRAELYAN DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONSENSUS ON ANY CANDIDATES AND ASKED FRENCH WHERE THEY OBTAINED THAT INFORMATION. FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES (PROTECTING EXCHANGES WITH US) ATTRIBUTED INFORMATION TO THE "ENTOURAGE OF MOJSOV."

4. ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES FOUND IT "CURIOUS," ISRAELYAN CONTINUED THE FEIGNED IGNORANCE OF ANY EMERGING CONSENSUS. FRENCH TOLD ISRAELYAN THAT WHILE THEY WILL NOT TAKE OFFICIAL POSITION THEY EXPECT THE WEST TO OBTAIN AT LEAST THREE PLACES AMONG ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, INCLUDING ONE NATO MEMBER. ISRAELYAN THEN MADE A PITCH FOR CUBA AND ALSO SUPPORTED ALGERIA. DISCUSSION ENDED WITH FRENCH AND SOVIETS AGREEING TO BE IN CONTACT AGAIN IN NEW YORK.

5. COMMENT: DE LA FERRIERE WAS MYSTIFIED BY ISRAELYAN'S PERFORMANCE SINCE THE US (AND WE BELIEVE THE UK) HAD KEPT GOF INFORMED OF CONSULTATIONS AND POTENTIAL CONSENSUS.

6. DE LA FERRIERE REQUESTED THAT US KEEP GOF INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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